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: TOOL WITH TOOL BODY AND PROTECTIVE LAYER

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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about October 27, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.